

# The Cauldron



District 14-B Monthly Newsletter

March 2025



# SPRING FORWARD

**change Your clocks**

**March 9th**



**Everyone's Irish  
On March 17th.**



## *From the desk of* **District Governor Mike Crossey**

Fellow Lions and Leos,

Welcome to spring. The winter has been harsh and cold, but I have had the opportunity to visit many of our clubs, and I am nothing, if not inspired. The commitment, the effort, and the love, that our member lions exhibit is inspiring.

Spring is a season of renewal. A time when the world reminds us that growth is always possible. As Tolstoy said, "Spring is the time of plans and projects." Just as nature awakens, so does our mission- to grow and serve.



Our Lions have grown to 1.4 million members just from an idea to serve our fellow men, and a commitment to make a difference. "The creation of 1000 forests is in one acorn." wrote Ralph Waldo Emerson. I paraphrase when I say, "we serve 1000 needs with every new member." Let's plant acorns. Let's recruit new members. Let's serve our communities more than ever before.

We get what we focus on, so let's focus on service and growing our clubs. Small actions create huge results.

This spring, let's embrace the spirit of Spring. Let's plant seeds of change- New members- growing active clubs. Let's cultivate hope and watch our collective efforts bloom into gardens better than ever imagined.

Growth is not by chance. But by the hands and hearts, that work together toward a common goal.

**PLEASE JOIN ME, and YOUR FELLOW LIONS at the FOLLOWING EVENTS.**

Walk with us in the Saint Patrick's Day parade on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Lunch and Celebrate with us at the Spring Rally on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

My best in lionism.

*Lion Michael J. Crossey*

Email: [crossetmike@gmail.com](mailto:crossetmike@gmail.com)

Phone: 412-983-8387



# LION RALPH IMBROGNO

## First Vice District Governor



### REFLECTING ON 2024

As we continue into 2025, consider a year-end review of your accomplishments as a Lion and the things that you can do better now and into the future. Am I a better Lion so far this year than last year 2024? Are there any obstacles getting in the way of me being a better Lion? Is my relationship with my fellow Lions deepening and expanding as time moves on? Do I feel that I help make the folks that we serve as Lions a better life and satisfy their needs? How do I want my life to change in the upcoming year? What did I learn about Lionism in the past year? Do I remember any service events in the past year that spoke to me? What do I hope to learn in the new year about myself and being a Lion? What virtues have I grown in the past year? What were my most fruitful works of service - where did I make the most impact? What opportunities for service do I feel I need to pursue in 2025? Do I feel a need for any good projects for the coming year? How did I treat my fellow Lions in this past year? How do I feel I contributed to my Home Club this past year? Did I encourage my fellow Lion members this last year to keep the morale at a high level all year? Did I encourage all my Club members to make an effort to ask folks to join our Club? And finally, what is my next step to make an effort to increase our fundraising as well as to increase our service to those in need??? Please be honest as you examine the questions, and hopefully, we can together Improve

***AS ALWAYS, LET US SERVE OTHERS FROM THE  
HEART  
and CONTINUE TO VOLUNTEER!!***

*Lion Ralph Imbrogno*

Email: [ralphpatty@verizon.net](mailto:ralphpatty@verizon.net)  
Phone: 412-751-2039



# **Come on Guys and Gals We need 1<sup>s</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors!**

**Where would you like to be sworn in as  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR?**

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## ***Future Lions Club International Conventions***



2026 Hong Kong – Jul 3-7

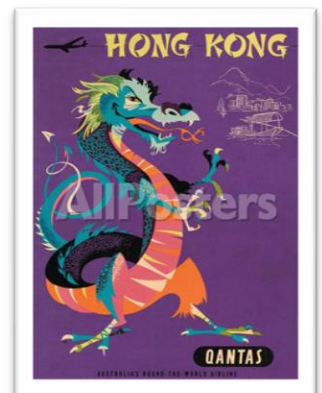
2027 Washington DC – July 2-6

2028 Singapore -June 23-27

2029 Minneapolis, MN

2030 San Antonio TX

2031– Helsinki Finland



***To find out details, contact***

***PDG Rich Keller at [rkeller5@verizon.net](mailto:rkeller5@verizon.net)***

***Sign Up Today - Space Is Limited!***



# RLLI



**REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**



## March 7-9, 2025

**Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg/Hershey**



**Contact Your District  
Governor**

**Or**

**PDG Kerry McKnight  
md14glt-learn@yahoo.com**

**Space Is Limited!**

**\$175 Per Lion**

**Meals & Rooms Included**

### SUBJECTS

- Lions Fundamentals
- Team Work
- Diversity
- Public Speaking
- Time Management
- Personal Mission Statement
- Member Motivation
- Goal Setting

### INSTRUCTORS

- PID Cindy Gregg
- PDG Tom Gregg
- PDG Jason Long
- PDG John Mallonee
- PDG Dick Sware
- PID James Cavallaro
- PDG Kerry McKnight

## The McKeesport Lions Club

welcomed two new members into the club at their regular meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Welcome to the world of Lionism Rise Sipe & Patrick Fisher! Pictured left to right are: Anna Lisa Haughwout (sponsor), Rose Sipe, Patrick Fisher & Dan Carr (sponsor).

*Submitted by Lion Annette James, Secretary*



# ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

District 14B Lions have been invited back to march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 15! Join us to show the Pittsburgh area that Lions are on the move and ready to serve! We will have two vehicles in the parade, Lion Mike Quinn's 1951 Ford F1 pickup truck and DG Mike Crossey's Audi convertible for those who are unable to walk in the parade. We had a great time last year and are planning for a bigger presence and an even better time this year. Line-up time (in the Strip District) is typically 8:30am for vehicles and 9:00am for walkers with the parade getting started promptly at 10:00am. Since there are so many parade entries, it does take some time for the parade to get moving along, so dress in warm layers as it might be colder than you would expect! Please contact District Publicity Chair, Rob Falce, if you plan to march ([rob.falce@verizon.net](mailto:rob.falce@verizon.net) or 412-302-1075) and we can send you the full details when received. Help us show Pittsburgh that all Lions can be Irish for a Day!

*Submitted by Lion Michele Falce, Coordinator of District Activities*





# LDBAW

## NCAA BASKETBALL



### FUNDRAISER

1. Entries for the tournament are \$10 each and monies are due to me by Thursday, March 20th. Brackets will be done online and must be completed by NOON March 18th.
2. Winner will receive  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the proceeds and the entry with the least points will get their entry fee back. Ties not settled by the tie-breaker on the online form will be determined by a drawing following the conclusion of the final game. The remaining funds will go into the LDBAW general fund.
3. We encourage clubs to enter each of their members as a service project. We thank the clubs who did this last year.
4. When entering the contest, please send a copy of your bracket (s) in case of a breakdown of the online center.



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#### LDBAW Basketball Entry Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Entries: \_\_\_\_\_ Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (# entries X \$10) Make checks payable to **LDBAW**

Return entries and a copy of each bracket to : PDG Tom Gregg

Email: tomgregg1@verizon.net

Cell #: 412 576-0708

1130 Willowbrook Road

Rostraver Township, PA 15012



The link to enter the contest will be made available when Yahoo has started the Bracket Challenge.  
The link and a QR code will be sent out and also posted on my Facebook page.

Office of District Attorney  
Steven A. Zappala, Jr.



# **RED FLAGS**

## **Learn How to Avoid Becoming a Victim of SCAMMING & FRAUD**

by **Cyndie Carioli** (Senior Justice Advocate)  
Allegheny County DA's Office

- ▶ Can you recognize scam & fraud messages?
- ▶ What are the latest SCAMS targeting seniors?
- ▶ Questions & Comments **ENCOURAGED**

**MONDAY ~ 7:00PM**

**MARCH 3, 2025**



**Pleasant Hills Lions Club**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - United States

**~ CELEBRATION VILLA ~**

5300 Clairton Blvd. 15236

# CASH AND PRIZE BASH



*Sponsored by*

**Bethel Park Lions Club**



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- DATE:** Saturday, March 22, 2025  
**TIME:** 6:00pm to 10:00pm  
**PLACE:** Bethel Park Community Center  
5151 Park Avenue, Bethel Park PA 15102  
**PRICE:** \$65 per person. Only 200 numbered tickets are sold.  
Dinner and drinks only option available for \$35
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Ticket price includes Hors d'oeuvres, Dinner, Dessert and Drinks  
Plus \$3,000 in 20 Cash Prizes up to \$1,200 for  
Cash and Prize Bash numbered Ticket Holders

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You can also purchase additional raffle tickets for:  
Auction Baskets    Unsold Cash and Prize Bash Tickets Raffle  
50/50 Raffle    Instant Winner Tickets  
Bonus \$200 Cash Jackpot Raffle

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All proceeds are donated to Bethel Park Lions Charities and  
Bethel Park Community Organizations.

**To reserve your ticket, or for information, please contact  
Sandi Demas at 412-854-2740**

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\*Please bring your unwanted eyeglasses to be donated to the needy.\*





NAME	CLUB	SPONSOR
David J. Silberstein Patrick Fisher Rose Sipe	Elfinwild Lions Club McKeesport Lions Club McKeesport Lions Club	Lion Mike Daninhirsch Lion Daniel Carr Lion Anna Lisa Haughwout

Since July 1, 2024, here's what our District membership looks like from the Lion Portal...

**July 1<sup>st</sup> 636 Members added 22 dropped 80 January 31 578**

*We are ranked 16<sup>th</sup> out of the 17 Districts with District 14W beneath us.*

**MULTIPLE  
DISTRICT  
MEMBERSHIP \***

14G	1485
14A	1240
14D	1175
14C	1168
14T	1128
14M	994
14N	942
14F	904
14P	889
14U	831
14L	791
14K	735
14J	697
14E	686
14H	625
14B	578
14W	572

**TOTAL 15,441**

**\*as of 1/31/2025  
Health Assessment  
Report**

**There are a lot of  
membership plans out  
there but the best one is  
it ill just to...**



# **NEW DISTRICT PROJECT...**

## **Here is the information you've been waiting for!**



# HOW WE WILL ACCOMPLISH THE RETINA SCREENING CAMERA PROJECT...

The financial goal for the camera plus accessories is \$22,000.

With the support of all thirsty Lions clubs, we will not have a problem raising the funds.

If each club could have a minimum of \$300, we would have \$ 9,000. Our District has already donated \$2,000. That would give us \$11,000. We will contact the Lions of Pennsylvania or LCIF to apply for a matching grant.

## WE CAN DO THIS!

To Make your donation, please send it to:

**Lion George Belles**  
**District Treasurer**  
**37 McMurray Road, Suite LL7**  
**Pittsburgh, PA 15241-1601**



Born in Tuscumbia, Alabama, USA, in 1880, Helen Keller developed a fever at 18 months of age that left her blind and deaf.

With the help of an exceptional teacher, Anne Mansfield Sullivan of the

School for the Blind, Helen Keller learned sign language and braille. A few years later, she learned to speak. As an adult, she became a tireless advocate for people with disabilities. And in 1925, she attended the Lions Clubs International Convention and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness."

The Lions accepted her challenge and our work ever since has included [sight programs](#) aimed at preventable blindness.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025**

*(That's only 92 days away from March 1st!)*



**Seventy-fifth Anniversary**  
**WHITE OAK LIONS CLUB**





## **Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION**

### **LCIF's Response to the Devastating Storm**

In late September 2024, families were plunged into darkness when Hurricane Helene tore through the southeastern United States. This storm was the deadliest to strike the U.S. mainland since Hurricane Katrina in 2005, causing severe destruction and heartbreak. LCIF approved 14 grants totaling \$380,000 in response to Hurricane Helene. This includes 12 Emergency Grants of \$15,000 each across Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee, plus two Major Catastrophe Grants of \$100,000 each awarded to North Carolina and Florida. These grants helped Lions provide things like water, food, cleaning supplies, toiletries, flashlights and linens.

### **Raging wildfires in California destroy entire communities**

- Several destructive wildfires swept through the Los Angeles area of California devastating entire communities.
- More than 28 people have died, and more than 180,000 people have been evacuated.
- The fires have burned over 50,000 acres and destroyed more than 16,000 structures, including homes, displacing countless families.
- When a humanitarian crisis of this magnitude strikes, we, as Lions, are ready to help.
- LCIF is mobilizing funds, including 2 Emergency Grants awarded and disbursed for \$15,000 each for immediate relief supplies and a \$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant, to empower Lions in California to help their communities recover.
- Lions in California continue to develop plans.
- Anyone interested in supporting California efforts should make gifts to LCIF's Disaster Fund, noting that their gift is intended for California wildfire relief.

Of course, there are many other types of grants that are available to clubs and Districts as well. The Clean Water Project that 14-B has been working on with Bon Samaritan Foundation for the past few years has been awarded a matching grant for more than \$10,000! Congratulations and thank you for your support.

All these grants are made possible by generous donors, including many of you. Your support sustains our mission. Whether it is a club donation or a personal donation every donation matters. Did you know we reached a new Planned Giving milestone? We hit the \$10 million mark, with 275 donors joining the **Lions Legacy Society**. These gifts, along with other contributions, play a significant role in funding our grants. Contact me to find out how to donate.

Submitted by

*Chris Raynak*

PDG Chris Raynak

# PUPPY SPONSORSHIP

A \$500 donation allows you to choose from a select group of puppies to symbolically sponsor and receive:

- ▶ A portrait of your sponsored Future Leader Dog suitable for framing
- ▶ Four wallet-size photos to share
- ▶ A profile of your Future Leader Dog with fun information such as personality traits, favorite toys and more
- ▶ An official sponsorship certificate
- ▶ **Each sponsorship comes with a matching plush puppy!**



**LEADER DOGS**  
FOR THE BLIND



**Juno**  
Michigan



**Toffee**  
Wisconsin



**Raider**  
Michigan-Bellamy Creek CF



**Mali**  
Michigan



**Brandy**  
Illinois

☐ **YES!** I would like to sponsor a puppy!

Name (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring (please circle ONE puppy) Juno Toffee Raider Mali Brandy

Please make check payable to "Leader Dogs for the Blind" with "Puppy Sponsorship" in the memo.  
Mail to: Leader Dogs for the Blind, 1039 S. Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI 48307-3115  
You can also sponsor a puppy online at [LeaderDog.org/sponsor-a-puppy](http://LeaderDog.org/sponsor-a-puppy)



- Raised by volunteer Lion puppy raisers



District 14B

## Spring Celebration



Please join us on Saturday afternoon, May 24, 2025

at

The Georgetown Centre

526 E Bruceton Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15236

Guest Speaker: Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice David Wecht

Social starts at  
12:30 PM – Lunch  
Buffet at 1:00 PM

PRUXWS, 52/50  
RAFFLE AND  
MORE!



Cost is \$36.00 per  
person  
Reservations are due  
by May 9, 2025  
(No reservation  
confirmed without  
payment!)

Please make checks payable to District 14B Lions and mail to:  
Coordinator of District Activities, Lion Michele Falce  
3505 Trautman Street, Munhall, PA 15120

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$36.00      Total Due- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all attending club members' names on the back of this form or send  
an email to [michele.falce@gmail.com](mailto:michele.falce@gmail.com)



## PENNSYLVANIA LIONS BEACON LODGE CAMP

114 SR 103 SOUTH, MOUNT UNION PA 17066 (P) 814-542-2511 (F) 814-542-7437

[www.BeaconLodge.org](http://www.BeaconLodge.org)

[office@beaconlodge.org](mailto:office@beaconlodge.org)

February 8, 2025

Lions and Leos of Pennsylvania,

Greetings from PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp!

Most of you may not know me so let me introduce myself. I am Lion Kelly McMullen, and I am the Director of Programs here at Beacon Lodge.

I have a passion for everything this camp represents, especially since serving as a nurse for multiple years in the past and working with our special needs campers. Seeing the happiness our camp sessions bring to adult and children campers alike, warms my heart.

Unfortunately, some campers are not able to cover the cost of attending themselves or have not been able to locate a Lions Club in their area to sponsor them. I ask that your club consider sponsoring a camper at the fee of \$1,000 as shown on the attached sponsorship form or any amount you are able to contribute toward a sponsorship.

If your club does not provide a recipient's name, we will do our best to utilize your donation for a camper in your respective District. However, if not possible, it will be used to sponsor a camper in need, and we will advise for whom the funds were used.

We would love to hear from you, answer any questions you may have, and satisfy any rumors you may have heard. Questions can be directed to:

[kellym@beaconlodge.org](mailto:kellym@beaconlodge.org) or [officemanager@beaconlodge.org](mailto:officemanager@beaconlodge.org)

Help us continue to serve our campers with special needs.

Sincerely,

Lion Kelly McMullen  
Director of Programs

Cc: PDG Jan Adams, President  
Lion Katlin McVey, Office Manager

## 2025 LIONS/LEOS SPONSORSHIP REPLY SHEET

To facilitate the processing of camper registrations, we would appreciate knowing if your club has approved sponsorships. In February, forms will be available on the camp website: [BeaconLodge.org](http://BeaconLodge.org)

We \_\_\_\_\_ will provide the following sponsorship(s):

Name of Lions/Leo Club	District	County	Check #
_____ \$475 - Adopt a Counselor			Check Enclosed: _____
_____ \$1000 - Camper Sponsorship			Check will be mailed by (date): _____
_____ \$1200 - Project New Hope			Beacon Lodge Camp to bill club: _____
_____ \$1200 - 1 Family for 5 days (\$1,200 includes 2 parents and 1 child.)			
(Additional Family Members are + \$50. Up to 6 Family Members)			

**(note all billing is done after camp closes in August; if you want billed before this please specify above)**

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Total \$ Amount

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YES, PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp may designate the person(s) to benefit from our sponsorship.

NO, Please designate the sponsorship to the following person(s):

Camper Name	Age	Address
_____		
_____		
_____		

New Camper: YES/NO

Beacon Lodge Camp

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If new camper, please have the camper contact Beacon Lodge Camp at 814-542-2511 for camper registration information.

Person Completing Form:

Name	Address	
Club Office/Position	Phone	Email

Please note: The commitment or payment of a sponsorship does not satisfy a camper's registration. A camper will be considered registered upon receipt of the completed registration and the \$100 registration fee.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO:

PA LIONS BEACON LODGE CAMP  
114 STATE ROUTE 103 SOUTH  
MOUNT UNION, PA, 17066

EMAIL - [office@beaconlodge.org](mailto:office@beaconlodge.org)  
FAX - 814-542-7437

# Pa Lions Leadership Symposium



Here's a picture of me teaching a "Communicating for Impact" class at the PA Lions Leadership Symposium held in Harrisburg, Pa..

*Submitted by DG Mike Crossey*



# Tarentum Area Lions Keep Rolling on



At the Volunteer Award Ceremony at the McKeesport Salvation Army on February 23, 2025, several of the White Oak Lions were presented with a certificate for their time helping the Salvation Army during the past year. We helped by serving lunches, ringing the bells, and counting money from the kettles. We had a nice dinner and enjoyed the program that was presented.

*Submitted by Lion Tom C4schi*



## McKeesport Lions Club presented gift cards to all City First Responders

McKeesport Lions Club presented gift cards to all City First Responders for Eat 'n Park as their annual thank you for their service to City residents. Pictured left to right are: Club President Marie Domingo, Police Chief Josh Alfer, Fire Chief Jeff Tomovcsik, EMS Director Bill Miller & Assistant Police Chief Sidney Summers.

*Submitted by Lion Annette James*

# White Oak Lions ... Looking back at 2024

WHITE OAK LIONS This messy table represents most of the projects we have participated in so far this year. We have been collecting gloves, hats, socks, and hygiene items for our local middle school. Of course, we also continue to collect prescription bottles and eyeglasses

We are now collecting brass instruments to donate to the McKeesport Salvation Army. If you would like to donate an instrument, please let us know, and we will arrange to pick it up.

*Submitted by Lion Carol Lasch*

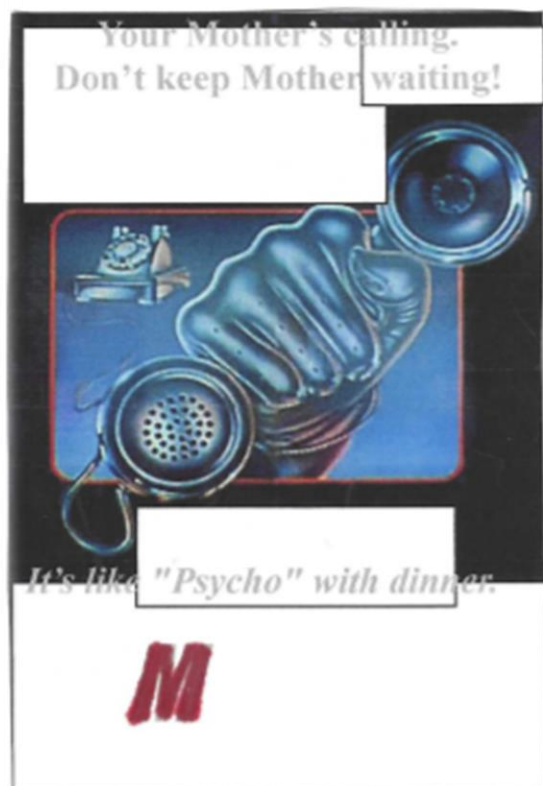


Left to right, Lions Saral Lapiax, Dorthy Kuharski, Connie Petras, Karen Gregor, Joanna Stettmier, Carol Lasch, Maureen Filotei, Ruth Brown and Chuck Flink.

*Hello Spring*

## **THE WHITE OAK LIONS PRESENTS "M"**

**It's like "Psycho" with dinner!**



**Saturday, May 3, 2025**

**Tickets are \$30.**

**Sampson's Mills Church Hall**

**1665 Lincoln Way, White Oak**

- **Doors open at 5:30 P.M.**
- **Pasta dinner served at 6:30 P.M.**
- **Mystery show begins at 7:30 P.M.**

**Come join the fun! We will have auction baskets and 50/50 available. Get ready for a great evening!!!**

**For tickets, please call your local White Oak Lion, Carol Lasch 412-877-4298 or**

**Rich Peters 412-678-3719**

HAPPY



SPRING